

Week's Developments in The Mines of Tonopah

WEST END.

Owing to the fact that the last two days have been used in overhauling the machinery and making much needed repairs, there has not been the usual amount of progress made in the workings of the West End. The work being done at present is in the line of development work and only enough ore to pay the mining expenses is being extracted.

On the 150-foot level the ledge, which has been about four feet in width is now widening and at one place shows six feet of excellent milling ore. The body of ore in the drift twenty-five feet west of the shaft on the 400 is also increasing in width. In the slope west of the shaft on this level there is an increase in the size of the vein and the values are also increasing. In the north drift from No. 4 raise, which is situated 120 feet east of the shaft and which was started at a point thirty feet above the level is now in twenty-five feet. A number of fine stringers have showed up in the quartz and it is the expectation that these stringers will develop into larger bodies of ore.

The total amount of ore shipped to the Belmont mill at Millers during the week amounted to 150 tons.

MIDWAY.

The work of following up the stringers in the southern portion of the Midway ground is progressing rapidly and new strikes of good importance are liable to be made any day. There is a large section of ground in this territory that has never been explored and the prospects for new finds are excellent.

On the 200 level good bunches of ore have been encountered in the south crosscut and the work of driving the drift ahead is being pushed. There has been two crosscuts driven across the vein matter and the width between the hanging and foot walls is about eighteen feet. A number of stringers were cut in these crosscuts that showed good values.

On the 300, 400, 500 and 600-foot levels there is considerable prospect work being done and a number of the workings have good values in sight.

MIZPAH.

The total amount of work done in the last week in the Mizpah and Silver Top mines amounted to 474½ feet. Of this 182½ was done in the Silver Top and the balance, 292 feet, in the Mizpah. The diamond drill only traversed sixteen feet owing to caving. This work will be somewhat retarded, as about 200 feet will have to be cased before the drill can be operated again. The prospect drift on the 1200 level is in 140 feet, and is still in the same formation.

In the westerly workings of the 240 level of the Silver Top the milling ore is still being taken out. Drifting is being continued.

Ore of a good milling quality is still being taken from the east workings of the fifth level, along the Mizpah fault.

West of the 600 work is being done towards the Red Plume shaft. They are now about 200 feet southeast of the shaft and if they continue to hold the same course the drift will pass about 200 feet south of the Red Plume workings. This is the farthest west that ore has been developed on the Mizpah ledge and they now have four feet of a good milling grade.

The ledge on the 500 level of the Red Plume has made no change and a raise has been started on the ledge and is now up fifteen feet. A connection will be made with the Tonopah Extension property from this level. The scene of this ledge is about 1000 feet from the shaft and the air is not of the best. A drift will have to be driven about eighty feet before the connection can be made.

BELMONT.

During the past week the work in the Belmont has progressed 134 feet. The new ledge which was encountered on the 1056 No. 2 level has made no change and still retains its values. The work of sinking in the winze on this level will be started again and continued until the 1100 level is reached.

The south vein of the west drift on the 200 level has progressed twelve feet and is now in 296 feet. The face shows two feet of fair grade ore. The stopes on this vein are taking out the usual amount of high grade milling ore. They have been opened up for a distance of 150 feet and show the ledge to be about three feet in width.

Work has been resumed in the west drift on the Nevada vein and there is about twelve inches of good milling ore in sight. In the stopes back of this drift the vein has been opened up for 200 feet and shows the vein to be between one and two feet in width and a fair grade of milling ore with streaks of high grade.

On the 1000 level the south vein in the west drift is now in 296 feet and shows three feet of low grade ore. The west drift on the Occidental ledge is out seventy-five feet and shows about two feet of low grade quartz with bunches of high grade. The quartz is of an amethyst color and is somewhat crystallized in form. The east crosscut from A vein is in 302 feet and has advanced thirty-six feet during the week. The face of the drift still shows stringers of quartz in the porphyry formation.

Raise No. 1 on the 1100 level is up seventy feet. All the ore taken from this ledge, which is about eight feet wide, is sent to the mill.

EXTENSION.

The drift that was started some weeks ago on the 35-foot level is now nearly completed. It is in a distance of 160 feet. This drift will be used to handle the huge dump of mill ore of which there is 30,000 tons, and when the mill is built it will greatly facilitate the matter of handling the ore. A stope will be started and the ore will be carried again to the surface and sent directly to the mill.

The building of the mill is now almost assured and it is believed that orders will be sent out from New York before long ordering the work of construction to start.

On the 400 level work was started yesterday to develop the south vein, which has every indication of eventually proving to be a valuable ore body. The south crosscut from the west end of the mine is now in 340 feet and is in lode porphyry and has exposed many stringers of quartz. The indications here are very favorable for the encountering of ore.

The west drift from the main north crosscut on the 770 level has drifted on a large body of quartz which was recently encountered on the north and south fault and they will now crosscut to the north to pick up the vein on the other side of the fault. The crosscut is in about sixty-five feet.

MACNAMARA.

Owing to the shortness of the week the shipments from the MacNamara have not been so great as heretofore, and but five cars of ore, 270 tons, were sent to the Montana mill for treatment. This ore was extracted from the west drift and stope on the 150 level, from stope No. 2 on the 275 level, from the stope above the 300 level at a point 700 feet west of the shaft, from the crosscut on the 275 level between stopes No. 1 and 2, together with the upraise west of No. 2 stope, also contributing to a slight extent.

The crosscut on the 275 is getting into high grade ore and shows at present eighteen inches of very high grade ore with heavy sulphides that will go several hundred dollars per ton.

Development work is being prosecuted in two places on the 275 level, on the west of the 200 level and also on the west of the 300 level. An intermediate drift was started this week from a point in the so-called Apex raise No. 1 fifty feet south of the shaft and twenty feet above the 300 level. This raise has encountered a five-foot vein and the drift is being started with the expectation of reaching good ore.

A great deal of development work is now under way and this will ultimately add to the output of the mine. The property has never looked better than at the present and with the extensive development work under way there should be something doing before long.

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ORE SHIPMENTS FOR PAST WEEK

The following is the record of ore shipments for the third week in December, 1908, as furnished by the Tonopah and Goldfield railway:

From Tonopah—	Tons.
Tonopah M. Co.	2774
Belmont M. Co.	795
Jim Butler.	243
West End.	112
Broken Hills.	14
Midway.	91
Conradi and Lani.	38

Total. 4067
From Goldfield—
Western Ore Purchasing Co. 200

A. S. AVERY SET FREE BY JUDGE THERON STEVENS

Upon a writ of habeas corpus issued by the supreme court of the state of Nevada, A. S. Avery was taken from the Nye county jail in Tonopah Saturday morning, taken before Judge Theron Stevens, of the district court at Goldfield, and set free, on the ground that the Nye county district court had no jurisdiction in the case, and had no power to sentence Avery to jail.

Avery, who has conducted a second hand shop in Tonopah, was indicted by the Nye county grand jury for receiving stolen goods, a felony. The jury which heard the case convicted him of a misdemeanor, as the value of the stolen goods received by him was less than \$50. The position taken by Judge Stevens that a misdemeanor charge can only be heard in the court of a justice of the peace, the district court having had no jurisdiction in the case.

THE DAY AFTER WAS DISASTROUS TO THE MINERS

Three of the miners of the Belmont mine met with accidents yesterday, but fortunately none were serious.

Dave Bell, shift boss, while in a stope between the 800 and 900 level stepped on a loose rock and fell about seventy-five feet to the bottom. He suffered a number of bruises and lacerations, and when taken to the Miners' hospital had thirteen stitches taken in a cut on his head. His escape from death is considered miraculous for the stope is nearly perpendicular.

A miner named Aleck Marcovich was struck in the back by a falling stone and had to be taken to the hospital. He escaped without any bones being broken.

John Phyor, the top man, while taking a car from off the cage allowed one of the wheels to run over his

COUNTY GUESTS WERE WELL FED

Sheriff Owens tendered the prisoners at the county jail one of the finest Christmas dinners that was served in this city on that day. Through the generosity of the sheriff the inmates of the county jail enjoyed everything that is usual for that holiday. There was turkey with cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, mince pie, plum pudding, nuts, cake, candy, fruit and cigars.

The Salvation army lassies were the guests of honor, having been asked by the prisoners to preside at the table, and following the spread there were songs and recitations. The meal lasted for over two hours and the prisoners enjoyed themselves to the limit.

PERSONAL MENTION

C. M. Myers came in from Clifford Friday.

James F. McCambridge came over from Goldfield yesterday.

Dr. A. H. Elftman returned Friday from a trip through the east.

Elmer Tangle returned yesterday from a business trip to Bishop.

Judge Lyman of Goldfield was in Tonopah yesterday on legal business.

R. T. Harris, cashier of the Nevada First National bank, left yesterday for Salt Lake.

Ross Condon came over from Goldfield Christmas and will remain here for several days.

G. W. Richards left yesterday for southern California, where he will spend several weeks.

W. W. Keith, Goldfield agent of the Tonopah and Tidewater railway, came up from the south yesterday.

Major J. H. Monteath returned Friday from Palo Alto where he has been visiting with his family.

Kenneth Hauer, of the Kenneth Hauer Brokerage company of Rawhide, was in Tonopah Friday.

Harry Downs left yesterday morning for New York, where he will visit with his parents for some time.

Malcolm L. Macdonald returned Christmas morning from an extensive business trip through the eastern states.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Kirchen leave this morning for Rhyolite, where Mr. Kirchen will look after his mining interests.

I. P. Frazier, of the Montgomery-Shoshone company at Rhyolite, returned to that camp yesterday morning after spending several days transacting business in this city.

Miss Alice and Ethel Hunsaker came over from Goldfield yesterday afternoon and will leave this morning for St. Louis, Missouri. Both ladies have a host of friends in this city and there is a deep regret expressed over their departure.

Foot and one of his toes was nearly amputated. He was conveyed to his home where a physician was called who amputated the toe.

THE ELKS MADE THE KIDLETS HAPPY FRIDAY

The Elks' Christmas tree made a great number of the little tots of Tonopah happy. The tree was placed in the gymnasium of the volunteer fire department and was simply loaded with presents. Santa Claus was in attendance and had a present and bag of candy for every child that called.

The Tonopah brass band, in honor of the occasion, volunteered its services and played the entire afternoon from the balcony of the building. There was also a great number of the grown ups who visited the tree and paid their respects to Santa, but the best they received was a lemon.

The children of Tonopah were not alone in receiving presents from the Elks, for in every town in the United States where there is an Elks lodge, presents were distributed.

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